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SUBJECT Press Inquiry Regarding Hess and Spandau Prisdn

REF

Dept's officer received a call January 10 from CBS News, New York asking for confirmation of unspecified reports that Rudolf Hess' life sentence will be commuted and that he will be released at the same time as Speer and von Schirach.

When told that we could not confirm these reports, inquirer asked whether Spandau will be maintained for the sake of one prisoner. He was told we knew of no change in the situation.

As the release date of September 30 for Speer and von Schirach approaches, there will undoubtedly be increasing press interest in this problem. Dept. interested in knowing whether similar queries have been made in Germany, and how Mission would suggest responding to such queries, particularly with respect to the future of Spandau.

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